

Group I, claims 1-21, and 23, drawn to methods of homologous recombination; or

Group II, claim 22, drawn to kits.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-21, and 23) for further prosecution in this application, with traverse.

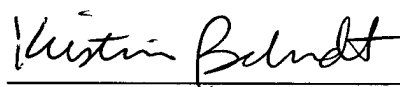
The kit of claim 22 is a product for use in a biotechnological process and consequently should be examined with the method claims (claims 1-21, and 23) under 35 U.S.C. §103(b).

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claim in a divisional application.

It is believed that no fees are required for this submission. However should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any fee is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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